Subject: Re: Public Records Request — Fusus / Axon real-time crime center ("STING Center")
Date: Wednesday, August 5, 2026 at 1:40:08 PM Eastern Daylight Time
From: Mark Williams
To: Penny Spicer-Sidbury
CC: Meredith Everhart
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Ms. Spicer-Sidbury,

I'm following up on my public-records request of July 1, 2026, concerning the Wilmington Police Department's Fusus (now Axon Fusus) real-time crime center — the "STING Center" — submitted under N.C. Gen. Stat. § 132-1 et seq. More than five weeks have now passed without an acknowledgment, a production, or an estimated timeframe. Most agencies responded in less than 20 days.

N.C. Gen. Stat. § 132-6(a) requires public records to be furnished "as promptly as possible." As I noted originally, this request seeks the center's **foundational, procurement, policy, and communications records — not real-time or operational query data** — so if the Department's position is that the center is not yet operational, that does not affect these records, which exist independent of whether the system is live. And where no responsive record exists for a given item, a brief written statement to that effect fully satisfies it.

I'm glad to take production on a rolling basis and to confer to clarify or reasonably narrow any item.

Accordingly, I ask that by **Friday, August 14, 2026** the City provide one of the following: (a) the responsive records; (b) per-item written statements where no records exist; or (c) a firm completion date. I've copied the City Attorney so the request is properly routed, and I remain glad to speak by phone.

Thank you for your attention to this.

Respectfully,

~Mark

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From: Mark Williams <mwilliams@ricefamilylaw.com>
Date: Wednesday, July 1, 2026 at 2:12 PM
To: Penny Spicer-Sidbury <[redacted]>
Subject: Public Records Request — Fusus / Axon real-time crime center ("STING Center")

Under the North Carolina Public Records Law, N.C. Gen. Stat. § 132-1 et seq., I request the following records concerning the Wilmington Police Department's Fusus (now Axon Fusus) real-time crime center, referred to as the "STING Center." This request seeks foundational, procurement,

policy, and communications records — **not** real-time or operational query data. If the Department's position is that the center is not yet operational, that does not affect the records below, which exist independent of whether the system is live. Please treat each item separately and, where no responsive record exists, **state so in writing for that item.**

1. Every **contract, order form, license, statement of work, scope of work, renewal, and amendment** with Fusus, Inc. and/or Axon Enterprise, Inc. concerning the real-time crime center or any Fusus product (the Fusus platform, FususONE, FususCORE, or the Connect camera program).
2. All **MOUs, MOAs, data-sharing agreements, and letters of intent** relating to the STING Center or Fusus — including with the New Hanover County Sheriff's Office, other law-enforcement agencies, the SBI, ICE, CBP, Flock Safety, and any regional or nationwide network.
3. All **purchase orders, invoices, payment records, and funding sources** — including grant applications, awards, and budget line items — for the Fusus/Axon system.
4. The **current policy** governing the STING Center and Fusus use — including **Directive .07.17 (previously produced to us)** in its current form, and any related SOPs, general orders, training materials, and audit procedures.
5. Records identifying the **cameras and data sources integrated** into the STING Center — the Connect-Wilmington (or equivalent) private/public camera enrollment list, camera counts, and integrated technologies (ALPR, gunshot detection, drones).
6. **Communications** between the Department or the City and Fusus/Axon regarding the STING Center, and internal communications regarding its planning, standup, and launch.
7. Records establishing the center's **operational timeline** — project plans, go-live or activation date, status updates, and any public presentations or photographs. If the Department maintains the center is not operational, please produce the records reflecting its **planned activation date and current status.**
8. Any **usage, access, or audit records that do exist** as of the date of this request — and if none exist because the center is not operational, a written statement to that effect.

I ask to inspect these records at no cost and to receive electronic copies (native PDF, or CSV/Excel where applicable). If any portion is withheld, please cite the specific statutory basis and produce the remainder. Please acknowledge receipt.

Respectfully,
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